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SUBJECT: DONOR SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, AND KENYA:
SPAIN'S RESPONSE

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¶1. Post delivered reftel demarche to Pablo Yuste, Head of the Department of Emergencies and Post-Conflict in the Office of Humanitarian Action in the Spanish Agency for International Development Aid (AECID). Yuste stated that Spain was aware of the humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya and had revised its emergency assistance as a result.

¶2. Spain is providing 6 million euros in emergency assistance to Ethiopia this year (as opposed to 3 million in 2008); 2.84 million euros to Kenya, and 4 million euros to Somalia, for a total of 12,841,260 euros. Yuste stated that this sum when added to GOS emergency donations to Pakistan comprises about 23 percent of Spain's total 2009 emergency humanitarian aid budget of 116 million euros, and that Spain is not in a position to make additional donations at this time.

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